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15th May 2022

**Fifth Sunday
of Easter**

**WE STAND WITH
UKRAINE**



Congratulations to the girls and boys from Gaelscoil, St. Francis and Educate Together school who received their First Holy Communion last Saturday. Our thanks to the teachers and Catechist Karen.

St. Francis and Educate together group on right; below Gaelscoil.
More photos on page 12-13 and our website.



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Love Is Catching

Does it ever seem to you that Jesus can be a little unrealistic? Today Jesus tells us **"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I**



have loved you, you also should love one another." But how can we go round loving everyone we meet? Isn't love reserved to those closest to us ... our parents, children, and partners? Harder still, how can we love as Jesus loved? Jesus loved us to the point of death. Surely following this kind of example is a very tall order!

The main thing to remember in following Jesus' teaching is that he wouldn't ask anything of us that we couldn't do. Secondly, we might not be ready to love each other to the point of death, but Jesus gives us plenty of other lessons in how to love. We're not talking some impossible ideal or some form of idealistic behaviour. We simply need to recognise, as Jesus recognised that love is a basic human need. Jesus had a talent for seeing everyone as an individual. We too need to see people as individuals rather than lump them together into categories. We too need to recognise need and respond accordingly. Loving someone is a decision we make rather than the harbouring of fluffy romantic sentiments found in greeting cards. Loving someone is about serving the need to be liked, appreciated, forgiven or helped. We follow Jesus' lessons in love every time we seek to alleviate someone else's suffering ... every time we reject violence and retaliation every time we make a stand against neglect or greed or apathy.

There are plenty of people who are already living their lives by Jesus' example. These people are shining examples of discipleship, not be what they say but by how they behave. Have you ever been filled with so much respect for someone that you wanted to imitate them? If you start to behave in the same way it won't be long before others are looking up to you as a role model. Watch out love is catching.

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Sunday: 9.30am

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS, RATHENISKA

Sunday: 10am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday

After 10am Mass & after 5pm Mass.



**We welcome into our
Parish Community**

Evie Mai Rossiter, Ballydavis

Daragh Bland, Capoley Lane

Lylah Mae Santos, Clonkeen View

Who were baptised last weekend.



*A Prayer as you enter
your Exams*

Dear Lord,

as I take this exam I thank
you that my value is not
based on my performance,
but on your great love for me.

Come into my heart so that we can walk
through this time together.

Help me with this test and the many tests
of life yet to come my way.

Help clear my mind and bring forth my
ideas and my knowledge with ease,
and be gracious with anything I have
overlooked.

Help me to remain calm, focused,
and confident in my ability
and to remember no matter
the outcome you will never leave me.

Amen.

Thought for today!

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The Rosary will also be prayed at the Grotto in Thornberry, Abbeyleix every night at 8pm for the month of May. All are very welcome.

Join with us to pray the Rosary via the Parish webcam daily at 9:30am, 7pm, 9:30pm.

Rosary will be prayed at the Grotto after evening Mass on the First Friday of every month.

Portlaoise Active Retirement: Meet every Wednesday, at 3pm in the Parish Centre. Come along, make new friends, enjoy our activities - friendly welcome ensured.

Forthcoming Activities;

Singing rehearsal for show every Monday morning 10.45am to 11.45am in the Parish Centre

Dancing rehearsal for show every Wednesday 1.45-2.45pm in the Parish Centre

Card playing (Whist) in Sue Ryder Centre, Kilminchy every Thursday, 3pm to 4pm. All are welcome.

May 17th Promotion of our club at the library, 11am.

For information on the club, please contact Sheila (P.R.O.) on 087-6204617.

Results of Whist Drive held in the Parish Centre on Tuesday May 10th;

Top score: Tom Dunne & Catherine Galvin

1st Lady: Angela Brennan

2nd Lady: Catherine Brennan

1st Gent: Ann-Marie Farrell

2nd Gent: Sheila Duff

1st Half: Frances Gleeson

2nd Half: Tom Jacob

Raffle: 1st Rita Arrigan, 2nd Frank Keenan

3rd Fionnuala Keenan, 4th Catherine Fitzpatrick.

Thanks to everyone for their support. Whist continues every Tuesday in the Parish Centre at 7.30pm.

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Keys



Keys lost in the vicinity of the Parish Church last weekend.

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12th May is the International Nurses Day. We are very blessed in Portlaoise to have dedicated Nurses serving in our hospitals and Nursing Homes.

A Prayer for International Nurses Day

To celebrate International Nurses Day, we give thanks for the service of nurses and all healthcare workers, and honour their compassion, bravery, and dedication. We also remember Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, on the bicentennial of her birth.

Life-giving God, you alone have power over life and death, over health and sickness: Give power, wisdom, and gentleness to those who follow the lead of Florence Nightingale, that they, bearing with them your presence, may not only heal but bless, and shine as lanterns of hope in the darkest hours of pain and fear; through Jesus Christ, the healer of body and soul, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.





Time to Think!

WITHOUT COUNTING THE COST

There is story in the Gospel about a leper coming to Jesus on his knees and pleading with him, saying, 'If you want to, you can cure me'. It was a pitiful statement, suggesting despair. The leper had reason to: in the tradition of the time, leprosy was seen as a punishment by God for sin, and led to social and religious rejection. Maybe the man had lost hope and didn't expect much. But he was desperate, so he came on his knees; desperate people are not worried about losing their decorum. Or it could be that he simply didn't have feet he could walk with; leprosy destroys toes and you can't walk without them.

The first thing Jesus did was to look at the man; he didn't turn away in disgust. Then he listened to him; he didn't lecture him. He felt sorry for him; he didn't feel scorn for him. Then he touched him; he did not keep him at arm's length, or out of smelling range; he touched the untouchable. Jesus seemed stung by the man's 'if you want to', and replied, 'of course I want to!' And he healed him. Jesus looked, listened, felt sorry, touched and healed. That was how he treated the leper, the outcast.

An outcast is anyone I close myself off against, anyone I give a cold shoulder to, anyone the mention of whose name gives me a jolt. Those are my outcasts, my lepers. Isn't there a lesson there for us towards anyone who is an outcast to us? I love this story from Katharine Hepburn's childhood; it's beautiful, in her own words....

"Once when I was a teenager, my father and I were standing in line to buy tickets for the circus. Finally, there was only one other family between us and the ticket counter. This family made a big impression on me. There were eight children, all probably under the age of 12. The way they were dressed, you could tell they didn't have a lot of money, but their clothes were neat and clean. The children were well-behaved, all of them standing in line, two-by-two behind their parents, holding hands. They were excitedly jabbering about the clowns, animals, and all the acts they would be seeing that night. By their excitement you could sense they had never been to the circus before. It would be a highlight of their lives.

The father and mother were at the head of the pack standing proud as could be. The mother was holding her husband's hand, looking up at him as if to say, "You're my knight in shining armour." He was smiling and enjoying seeing his family happy. The ticket lady asked the man how many tickets he wanted?

He proudly responded "I'd like to buy eight children's tickets and two adult tickets, so I can take my family to the circus." The ticket lady stated the price. The man's wife let go of his hand, her head dropped, the man's lip began to quiver. Then he leaned a little closer and asked, "How much did you say?" The ticket lady again stated the price. The man didn't have enough money. How was he supposed to turn and tell his eight kids that he didn't have enough money to take them to the circus? Seeing what was going on, my dad reached into his pocket, pulled out a €20 note, and then dropped it on the ground. (We were not wealthy in any sense of the word!). My father bent down, picked up the €20 note, tapped the man on the shoulder and said, "Excuse me, sir, this fell out of your pocket." The man understood what was going on. He wasn't begging for a handout but certainly appreciated the help in a desperate, heart-breaking and embarrassing situation. He looked straight into my dad's eyes, took my dad's hand in both of his, squeezed tightly onto the €20 note, and with his lip quivering and a tear streaming down his cheek, he replied; "Thank you, thank you, sir. This really means a lot to me and my family." My father and I went back to our car and drove home. The €20 that my dad gave away is what we were going to buy our own tickets with. Although we didn't get to see the circus that night, we both felt a joy inside us that was far greater than seeing the circus could ever provide. That day I learnt the value to Give.

The Giver is bigger than the Receiver. If you want to be large, larger than life, learn to Give. Love has nothing to do with what you are expecting to get, only with what you are expecting to give - which is everything. The importance of giving, blessing others can never be over emphasised because there's always joy in giving. Learn to make someone happy by acts of giving." - Katharine Hepburn

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Jesus Loves Us All

My favourite sweets are "Lollipops."
"Lollipops" come in many different flavours.

There are lemon, apple, strawberry, watermelon, and cherry to name just a few.

I sometimes give "Lollipops" to the children who come to the Parish Centre. One thing I have noticed is that when I allow the children to choose the flavour they want, some children are very picky about which flavour they choose. The favourite flavour seems to be blue raspberry. I don't think it is because kids like the taste, I think it is because they like the way it turns their mouth blue! Whenever I let the children choose, I always wind up with all of the cherry ones left when all of the other flavours are gone. For some reason, children seldom ever choose the cherry lollipops.

I don't know why the children don't like cherry. I guess cherry is a little bit different. Maybe it isn't quite as sour as lemon or cherry, or some of the other flavours, or maybe they just don't like the colour of them. Do you know what I do with the leftover cherry lollipops? I eat them myself, because I love all the flavours!

These "Lollipops" remind me of children. Have you ever noticed that when children play games, some children are always the last to be chosen? Maybe they are just a little bit different or maybe their skin is a different colour. For some reason, the other children just won't choose them.

We all need to remember that Jesus loves ALL the children and he said that you and I should do the same. Jesus said, "As I have loved you, so must you love one another." Have you ever been the one who was left out? It isn't a very good feeling, but if you are ever the one that feels left out, you can know that Jesus loves you just as much as He loves the other children.



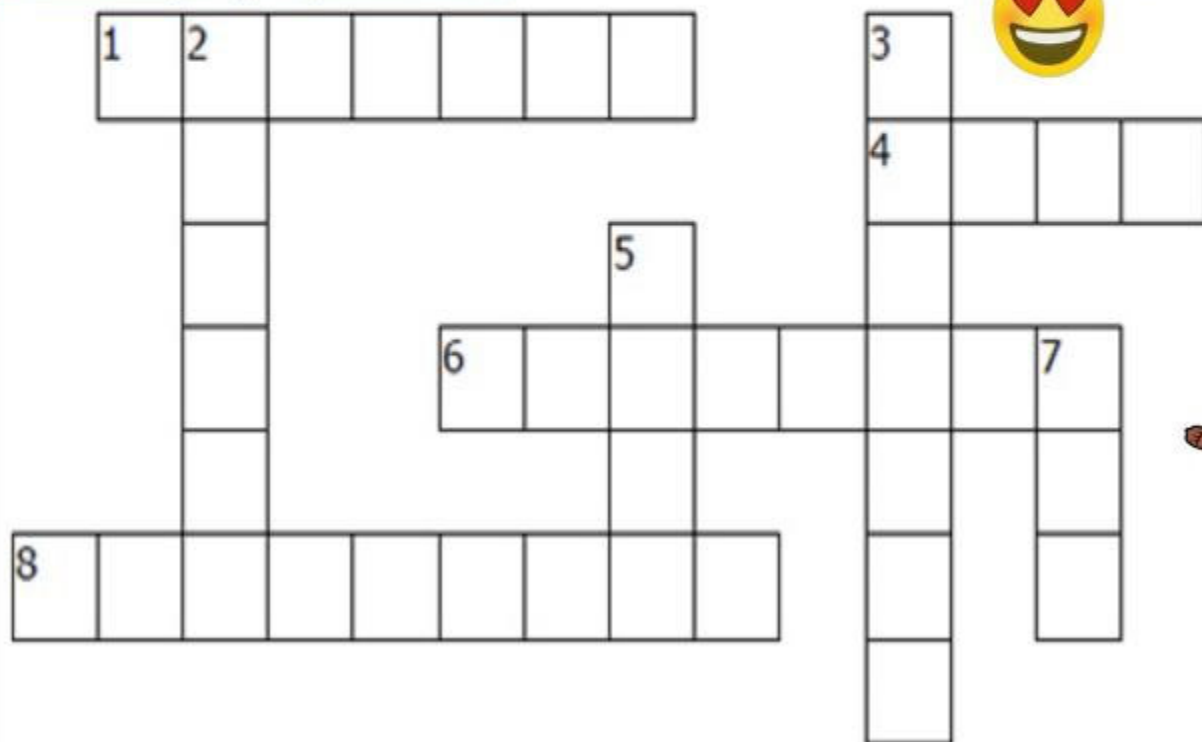
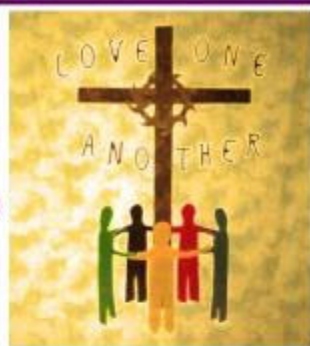
**Dear Lord, help us to remember that you have told us to love one another just as you have loved us. In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.**



Jesus Loves Us All

"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:31-35



ACROSS

1. An order or a rule given with authority
4. To have feelings of compassion and concern for another person
6. Boys and girls between birth and puberty
8. Those who follow the teachings of Jesus.
9. To turn away from sin.

DOWN

2. People aside from oneself
3. To give praise and honour to God or a person
5. A period of seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years etc.
7. The opposite of old.

**GLORIFY
NEW**

**COMMAND
DISCIPLES**

**TIME
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**OTHERS
LOVE**

First Holy Communions



Congratulation to the Boys and Girls from who received their First Holy Communion last weekend, this weekend and who will who received their First Holy Communion in the coming weeks.

First Holy Communion in our Parish last Saturday

Gaelscoil , St. Francis and Educate Together school





Photos courtesy of Agnieszka Kaczmarek

More photos on our website www.portlaoiseparish.ie

**OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR
THOSE WHO DIED RECENTLY ;**



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née Martley
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Borris Great, Portlaoise.

1st Anniversary occurs 17th May 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
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Those special memories of you
Will always bring a smile
If only we could have you back
For just a little while

Then we could sit and talk again
Just like we used to do
You always meant so very much
And always will do too
The fact that you're no longer here
Will always cause us pain
But you're forever in our hearts
Until we meet again



*Sadly missed, loved and remembered by your
husband Marty, son, daughters and grandchildren.*

Rest in Peace Peggy

In Loving Memory of
ÁINE HETHERINGTON
(Hegarty)

2nd Anniversary occurred 12th May 2022.



Anniversary Mass will be celebrated
in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church,
this Sunday 15th May at 12:30pm.

*A light went out on Earth for me
The day we said goodbye
And on that day a star was born,
The brightest in the sky*

*Reaching through the darkness
With its rays of purest white
Lighting up the Heavens
As it once lit up my life
With beams of love to heal
The broken heart you left behind
Where always in my memory
Your lovely star will shine*

Forever in our Hearts

*Love Mam, Dad, your sisters Fiona and Sharon, your
brother Patrick, brother-in-law Ger, sister-in-law
Catherine, all your family and friends.*

Rest in Peace Áine

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of
P.J. SWAYNE

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. Birthday occurs 15th May.



A Dad's love is special, a gift beyond compare, you only know the meaning when he is no longer there.

A special time, a special place, a special Dad we cannot replace.

With an aching heart we whisper low, happy birthday Dad, we love and miss you so.

Dearly loved and missed by his daughter Louise, son-in-law Patrick and grandchildren Eiramay and Theo xxx

Rest in Peace P.J.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of a precious
Son, Brother, Father and Granddad
P.J. SWAYNE

St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise. Birthday occurs 15th May.



To lose someone so special is really hard to bear, it hardly seems believable that you're no longer there.

You left us far too early, before your time it seems, and now you'll never have the chance to fulfil those birthday dreams.

However hard it is though, we'll take comfort in the thought of all the memories of birthdays past and the happiness you brought.

You always lived life to the full, but ours won't be the same, until the day when we can see your smiling face again.

Wherever you are resting, we hope that you can see, How precious and uplifting your memory is to us.

We feel that you are with us in everything we do, So we'll celebrate your birthday, but we'll spend it missing you.

HAPPY HEAVENLY BIRTHDAY P.J.

Sadly missed, loved and forever remembered by Mammy, Daddy, sister Denise and family, brother Adrian and family, his children, grandchildren and extended family.

Rest in Peace P.J.

Anniversary Remembrance **TERESA KHANDKER**

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Can it really be three long years since you left us?

My brothers and I miss you everyday. But how lucky we were to have had you for our mother, to have had so many wonderful adventures with you.

You were one in a million, utterly devoted to your children and six grandchildren.

We see you in their kindness towards the less fortunate.

We remember you when we see them standing tall.

We can see your beautiful soul in all of them.

We miss you, Mum. And they miss you too.



Love from Sheeme, Shabil, Nashad and families.

Rest in Peace Teresa

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In Loving Memory of
MAURA FARRELL

62 Marian Avenue, Portlaoise, Co. Laois
Who passed away peacefully on 17th April 2022.



Maura's children William, Maureen, Siobhan and Fionnuala, sons-in-law, Joe and Ian, Siobhan's partner Chris, grandchildren, great grandchildren, extended family and friends, would like to express our sincere gratitude to all those who sympathised with us on the recent sad loss of Maura.

Thanks to all those who sent Mass cards, messages, phone calls and letters of sympathy. Many thanks to Dr. White and all the doctors and nurses in Portlaoise general hospital and St. Vincent's hospital Mountmellick. Thank you greatly to Liz Roche and all the care team who helped take such good care of Maura, in her home over the last few years. Sincere thanks to Msgr. John Byrne and Fr. Ciprian Matei C.C. Thank you to Aisling Rohan for her beautiful singing in the Church. Special thanks to Matthew Keegan and David Goode, Keegan undertakers for their professional manner in which they carried out the funeral arrangements and our thanks also to the grave diggers for preparing Maura's final resting place with such care.

As it would be impossible to thank everyone individually please accept this acknowledgement as a token of our sincere appreciation.

Maura's Months Mind Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter and Paul's Parish Church, this Sunday 15th May at 12.30pm.

May her gentle soul Rest in Peace x

In Loving Memory of **GERARD McCORMACK**

26 The Downs, Portlaoise.

5th Anniversary occurred 13th May 2022.



*In God's care you rest above,
In our hearts you rest in love,
Never more than a thought away,
Loved and remembered everyday.*

Sadly missed by his wife Philomena, sons Patrick, Ciaran and Declan, daughters Alice and Brenda, grandchildren, extended family and friends.

May Gerard Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of

A wonderful Husband, Father, Grandfather & Great-grandfather

JOHN (Johnnie) PRESTON

Late of 28 St. John's Sq. Portlaoise.

28th Anniversary occurs 18th May 2022.

The day I met you Johnnie,
You made my life worthwhile,
You brought a light into my world
with your tender smile.

The happiness that we shared
throughout those blissful years,
It's tragic that they had to end with
so many tears.

The kindness and compassion that
you showed both young and old,
from a heart of gold.

You saw the good in everyone, no evil could you find,
That was your nature Johnnie, you were a special kind.
The day we parted Johnnie, my light in life went dim, the
good Lord came and called you home, for you belong to Him.

Deeply loved, sadly missed, your loving wife Eileen xxx.

*Anniversary Mass will be celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, this Sunday 15th May at 11:15am.*

DAD;

We lost our father a long time ago, without your kind and
gentle smile, your sweet familiar face, a treasured life is
missing and the world's a sadder place.

You lived your life so graciously, you always did your best,
and now you're with the angels in Heavenly skies above.
Here on earth you're deeply missed and thought about with
love.

*Loved always and never forgotten by your loving
daughters, sons, daughters-in-law and son-in-law xxx*

GRANDAD;

Time may pass and fade away, but silent thoughts and
memories stay. No longer in our lives to share, but in our
hearts you are always there.

*Missed and loved always from your loving grandchildren
and great-grandchildren xxx*

May John Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of

Our Mam MARY (Mai) DOYLE

And Our Brother JIM DOYLE

Late of 37 Dr. Murphy Place, Portlaoise.

21st and 8th Anniversaries occur at this time.

A day that's filled with
sadness, is here with us
today, to mark the time
you left us, in such a
sudden way.

To us you were so special,
What more is there to say?

We only wish with all our hearts that you were both
here today.

*Loved always, never forgotten by Joe, Ellen,
Gug and Mary x*

May They Rest in Peace



In Loving Memory of

JULIE LaCUMBER (née Carroll)

Triogue Court, New Road, Portlaoise.

*4th Anniversary occurs
12th May 2022*

Anniversary Mass will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's
Parish Church, this
Sunday 15th May at 11:15am.

Those we love don't go away
They walk beside us everyday
Unseen, unheard but always near
Still loved, still missed and very dear.

*Sadly missed by her loving sons, daughters,
grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family
and friends.*

May Julie Rest in Peace



BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

GERALDINE LEWIS née Buggy

The Heath, Portlaoise. Birthday occurred 13th May.



*Today is your birthday in Heaven above,
My blessings I send on the wings of a
Dove,*

*Not just for today, but everyday here of,
I think of you always with all my love.*

*Always loved, forever missed by
your loving husband Derek, children
Serena, Rachel and Darragh and grandchild Killian.*

Rest in Peace Geraldine

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

In Loving Memory of

GERALDINE LEWIS née Buggy

The Heath, Portlaoise. Birthday occurred 13th May.



*Wishing you were here today for just a
while, so we could say happy birthday
and see your loving smile.*

*But we will gaze upon your picture and
think of you with all our love, and hope
you are celebrating in Heaven above.*

*Never forgotten by your loving family; Daddy, Mammy,
Sean, Valerie, Edel and families xxxx*

Rest in Peace Geraldine

Cherished Memories of DAVE LALOR

Hawthorn Drive, Portlaoise.
23rd Anniversary occurs 19th May 2022



Dad;
A daily thought, a silent tear,
A constant wish that you were here.

Love and miss you always
Daddy, Gerard x

Daddy/Grandad
Everyday in some small way,
Thoughts of you come our way.
Thinking of you always.

Love and miss you always Daddy
Marie, Christy, Kyle and Finn xxxxx

Dad/Grandad
Always in our thoughts and forever in our hearts.
Sadly missed everyday, Daithi, Marguerite,
Shauna, Oisín & Cillian xxxxx



Also remembering
MARY (Molly) HEALY
Cullohill
23rd Anniversary occurs
11th May 2022

Will those who think of Molly
today, a little prayer to Jesus say.

Missed everyday by her loving daughters,
sons-in-law and grandchildren.

Anniversary Mass for Dave & Molly will be
celebrated in Sts. Peter & Paul's Parish Church
this Saturday 14th May at 5pm.

May Dave & Molly Rest in Peace

In Loving Memory of PATRICK CONROY

Ballymacken, Portlaoise.
25th Anniversary occurs 15th May 2022.



Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard but always near,
Still loved, still missed and very dear.

Remembered always by
his loving family.

Rest in Peace Patrick

In Loving Memory of REGINA BAILEY

The Crescent, Ballylinan and formerly of Portlaoise.
7th Anniversary occurs 15th May 2022



God called your name so softly,
That only you could hear;
And no one heard the footsteps,
Of angels drawing near,
The golden gates stood open,
God saw you needed rest;
His garden must be beautiful,
He only takes the best.

Forever loved and missed by her
daughters Aishling and Emmabeth
and son Dylan XXX

Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of
beautiful memories.

Regina you asked for so little in life but always gave so
very much...your trail of beautiful memories is endless.

Love always, Trudy XXX

Rest in Peace Regina



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In Loving Memory of **DANNY BRENNAN**

41 St. Brigid's Place, Portlaoise.
18th Anniversary occurs 14th May 2022



*Sadly missed along life's way,
Quietly remembered everyday,
No longer in our lives to share,
But in our hearts you are always there.
Loved and remembered always by your
wife & family.*

May Danny Rest in Peace



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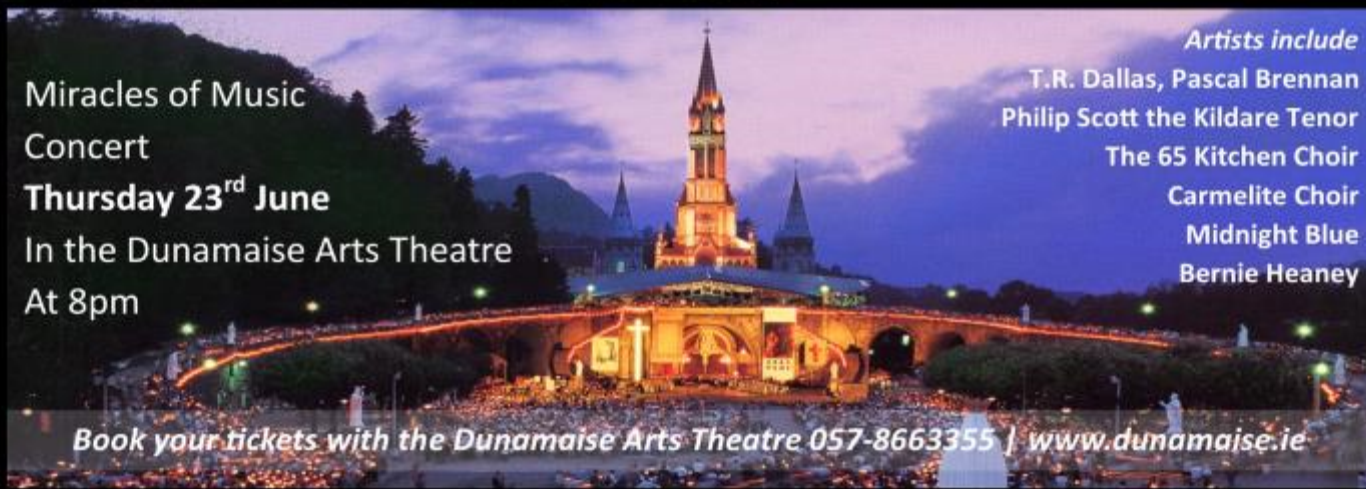
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- Donation facility on our website
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- Or Transfer directly to our Account

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